increasing the number of Village Post Offices by ten per cent and (*c*) for delivering letters in villages within 48 hours after their leaving the head office of delivery.

Reply of Government.—The subject is engaging the attention of Government. A committee of Representative Assembly members consisting of Messrs. Venkatesiah, Hema Hanumanthiah, Krishnasastri, Hutchaveeregowda, B. Gundu Rao, Ramaswami Iyengar (Gorur), and Channakesaviah (Chitaldrug), has been appointed to submit a note of recommendation to Government within the 15th September 1917.

SUBJECT No. 4.

Income tax from foreign merchants.

Messrs. Igur Puttegowda, South Mysore Native Planters' Association; D. Nanjegowda, Manjarabad taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Income tax may be levied from foreign traders, such as, Marwadis, Labbes, etc., who make considerable profit in the State but do not contribute anything to the State coffers or to the Municipalities.

Some members said that the tax should not be restricted only to foreigners and that it should be levied on all merchants.

Per contra.—Messrs. Krishnasastri, Venkatakrishniah and many others:—The proposal is not likely to be of much benefit to the State.

The Committee of Representative Assembly members formed for the purpose of considering this question submitted a recommendation that the tax need not be levied at present. The subject was very vehemently discussed in the Assembly, some speaking for the levy of the tax and others against it.

Reply of Government.—Votes were ordered to be taken with the result that 54 voted for and 92 against the levy of the tax.

SUBJECT No. 5.

Increasing the rate of interest on charitable endowments for education.

Messrs. M. L. Vardhamanaiya Mysore taluk; G. K. Padmarajaiya, C. Venkataramiah, G. Tirunaraniengar, Channarayapatna taluk, and K. Ramanna, Hole-Narsipur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Interest on charitable endowments for educational purposes should be allowed at 5 per cent permanently, specially in view of the fact that the interest on Savings Bank deposits has been raised to 5 per cent.

Mr. Krishnasastri.—The interest on Savings Bank deposits has been raised to 5 per cent at present. Though it is liable to be changed, interest on endowments for educational purposes may be permanently fixed at 5 per cent.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 6.

Grant of loans to policy-holders under the Mysore State Life Insurance Rules.

Messrs. Anjaneyasetty, Pavagada taluk; Chikka Surappa, Sira taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Loans may be issued on the security of Life Insurance policies to the extent of one-third of the paid-up amount at a small rate of interest and the amount recovered in easy instalments before the policies mature.

Per contra.—Messrs. Amble Annaiya Pandit, N. Bhima Rao and others:—No such loans should be allowed as the object of the State Life Insurance is for the benefit of the family members.

Some members suggested that loans might be issued to non-officials to the extent required for the payment of premium.

Reply of Government.—Under Rule 27 of the rules of the Public Insurance Branch, facilities by way of granting loans are intended to be allowed in course of time.

SUBJECT No. 7.

Restricting the use of the expression "Mysore Government Securities" by Companies.

Mr. M. L. Vardhamanaiya, Mysore taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As some companies practise deceit by making use of the expression "Mysore Government Securities," steps may be taken to prevent the use of the expression without Government authority.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 8.

Receipt in the Taluk Treasuries of money to be credited to the Mysore Bank.

Mr. Surappa, Tumkur taluk.

Note.—Not discussed owing to the absence of the proposer.

SUBJECT No. 9.

Special batta to the establishments of the Deputy Commissioners and the Heads of Departments during Dasara and Birthday festivities.

Mr. B. Venkataramaniah, Kolar Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The benefits of Article 632 (*c*) of the Mysore Service Regulations may be extended to the establishments accompanying the Deputy Commissioners and Heads of Departments and special batta may be allowed to them, in addition to the usual allowance as in the case of the establishment of the General and Revenue Secretariat and other offices, as living at Mysore during the Dasara and Birthday seasons is very costly.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 10.

Increase of mileage to Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

Mr. Herur Gunadppa, Kunigal taluk.

Note.—Not discussed owing to the absence of the proposer.

SUBJECT No. 11.

Claims to Savings Bank deposits and Life Insurance bonuses.

Mr. K. Ramanna, Hole-Narsipur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—By right of survivorship a man can collect debts due to a deceased undivided father without obtaining an heirship certificate from a Civil Court. A similar concession may be extended to Government Savings Bank deposits and Life Insurance bonuses. There is great hardship under the present rules. To ensure that money is not paid to a wrong person, the claimant may be asked to produce a certificate from the Amildar regarding his title.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 12.

Nomination applications for Life Insurance bonuses to be signed before Taluk Magistrates.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Iyengar, Anekal taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Applications for nominations under the State Life Insurance Scheme have to be signed before official superiors. To save delay and expense to the proposers, orders may be passed permitting them to be signed before Taluk Magistrates.

Reply of Government.—Yes. Will be done.